

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.998**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Adoption - Criminal Background Check		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

BILL SUMMARY:

The Bill would require anyone seeking to adopt a child in the custody of the Department of Social Services to undergo a fingerprint review and would prohibit placing a child in the custody of the Department in a home for foster care or adoption where anyone in the home over the age of eighteen has pled guilty or nolo contendere to unlawful conduct toward a child or cruelty to children.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Social Services

The Department indicates that this Bill would have a minimal effect on the General Fund of the State and Federal and/or Other Funds but would be absorbed within existing resources as a process is already in place to complete record checks for adoptive family applicants.

State Law Enforcement Division - SLED

SLED indicates each person applying for licensure to adopt a child in the custody of the Department of Social Services must pay a total fee of \$36 for criminal background checks conducted by the FBI and SLED. Fees collected by the agency will be sufficient to offset cost incurred by the agency.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

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